

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S7093–S7134

Measures Introduced: Twenty-two bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3013–3034, and S. Res. 424–425. **Pages S7124–25**

Measures Passed:

Prison Camera Reform Act: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. 2899, to require the Director of the Bureau of Prisons to address deficiencies and make necessary upgrades to the security camera and radio systems of the Bureau of Prisons to ensure the health and safety of employees and inmates, and the bill was then passed. **Page S7132**

Measures Considered:

Freedom to Vote Act: By 49 yeas to 51 nays (Vote No. 420), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 2747, to expand Americans' access to the ballot box and reduce the influence of big money in politics. **Pages S7107–08**

Senator Schumer entered a motion to reconsider the vote by which cloture was not invoked on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. **Page S7108**

Lin Nomination—Agreement: Senate continued consideration of the nomination of Tana Lin, of Washington, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Washington. **Pages S7108–21**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that notwithstanding Rule XXII, at 10:30 a.m., on Thursday, October 21, 2021, Senate vote on the motions to invoke cloture on the nominations of Tana Lin, of Washington, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Washington, Douglas L. Parker, of West Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Labor, and Myrna Perez, of New York, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit, in that order and that if cloture is invoked on any of the nominations, all post-cloture time be considered expired at 1:45 p.m.; that if cloture is invoked on the nomination of Tana Lin, the confirmation vote occur at 1:45 p.m., on Thursday, October 21, 2021; and that if cloture is invoked on either the Douglas L. Parker, or Myrna Perez nominations, the confirmation votes begin at 5:30 p.m., on Monday, October 25, 2021. **Page S7121**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination at approximately 10:00 a.m., on Thursday, October 21, 2021. **Page S7132**

Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By 51 yeas to 50 nays, Vice President voting yea (Vote No. EX. 419), Catherine Elizabeth Lhamon, of California, to be Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, Department of Education. **Pages S7096–S7107**

During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 51 yeas to 50 nays, Vice President voting yea (Vote No. EX. 418), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Pages S7097–98**

Nomination Received: Senate received the following nomination:

James C. O'Brien, of Nebraska, to be Head of the Office of Sanctions Coordination, with the rank of Ambassador. **Page S7134**

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Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—420) **Pages S7098, S7107–08**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:28 p.m., until 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, October 21, 2021. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S7132.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

PRIVATE EQUITY ABUSE

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Economic Policy concluded a hearing to examine protecting companies and communities from private equity abuse, after receiving testimony from Michael Frerichs, Illinois State Treasurer, Springfield; Shirley Smith, United for Respect, Eastpointe, Michigan; Peggy Malone, Crozer-Chester Nurses Association, Upland, Pennsylvania; and Eileen Appelbaum, Center for Economic and Policy Research, Douglas Holtz-Eakin, American Action Forum, and David R. Burton, The Heritage Foundation, all of Washington, D.C.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Victoria Marie Baecher Wassmer, of the District of Columbia, to be Chief Financial Officer, Mohsin Raza Syed, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary, Amitabha Bose, of New Jersey, to be Administrator of the Federal Railroad Administration, and Meera Joshi, of Pennsylvania, to be Administrator of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, all of the Department of Transportation, Rear Admiral Nancy A. Hann, of Maryland, to be Director, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Corps and Director, Office of Marine and Aviation Operations, Department of Commerce, and routine lists in the Coast Guard.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Max Vekich, of Washington, to be a Federal Maritime Commissioner, Christopher A. Coes, of Georgia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Transportation, and Laurie E. Locascio, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for Standards and Technology, who was introduced by Senator Cardin, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

PFAS CHEMICALS

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a hearing to examine evaluating the Federal response to the persistence and impacts of PFAS chemicals on our environment, after receiving testimony from Radhika Fox, Assistant Administrator for Water, Environmental Protection Agency.

HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine health insurance coverage in America, focusing on the current and future role of Federal programs, after receiving testimony from Senators Warnock and Scott (FL); Linda J. Blumberg, Urban Institute, Douglas Holtz-Eakin, American Action Forum, and Frederick Isasi, Families USA, all of Washington, D.C.; and Sara R. Collins, The Commonwealth Fund, New York, New York.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of R. Nicholas Burns, of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador to the People's Republic of China, who was introduced by Senator Markey, Rahm Emanuel, of Illinois, to be Ambassador to Japan, who was introduced by Senators Durbin and Hagerty, and Jonathan Eric Kaplan, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Singapore, who was introduced by Senator Hickenlooper, all of the Department of State, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Patricia Mahoney, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Central African Republic, Peter Hendrick Vrooman, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Mozambique, Peter D. Haas, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the People's Republic of Bangladesh, Julie Chung, of California, to be Ambassador to the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, Brian Wesley Shukan, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Benin, Elizabeth Anne Noseworthy Fitzsimmons, of Delaware, to be Ambassador to the Togolese Republic, and David R. Gilmour, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Equatorial Guinea, all of the Department of State, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Ernest W. DuBester, of Virginia, and Susan Tsui Grundmann, of Virginia, both to be